



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON LOCAL
GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374-A
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012
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Tuesday, January 6, 2015

9:30 AM

AUDIO LINK TO ENTIRE MEETING. (15-0168)

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Called to Order and Pledge of Allegiance. (14)

Chairperson Mark Burman called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**Commissioner Laurence Kaplan led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Commissioner Ana Ponce joined the meeting at 9:48 a.m. and 1st Vice
President Bob Archuleta at 10:00 a.m.**

Present: Chairperson Mark Burman, 1st Vice Chairperson Bob Archuleta,
Commissioner Jules Bagneris III, Commissioner Andrew
Friedman, Commissioner Azita Karimkhany Fatheree,
Commissioner Jesse Gabriel, Commissioner Laurence M.
Kaplan, Commissioner Ana Ponce and Commissioner Barry
Waite

Absent: Commissioner Andrew Westall

Excused: 2nd Vice Chairperson Jess Talamantes

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Election of Officers. (14-5592)

**Chairperson Mark Burman opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner
Barry Waite made a suggestion to retain the past officers.**

**After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Barry Waite, seconded by
Commissioner Andrew Friedman, unanimously carried, the Commission
approved the following officers for 2015:**

Mark Burman, Chairperson
Bob Archuleta, 1st Vice Chairperson
Jess Talamantes, 2nd Vice Chairperson

Chairperson Mark Burman thanked the Commission for its confidence. In addition, he announced that upon the completion of the Forensic Research Study, he would relinquish Chairmanship and hold a new election.

2. Approval of the Minutes of December 2, 2014. (14-5754)

On motion of Commissioner Laurence Kaplan, seconded by Commissioner Azita Fatheree, unanimously carried, this item was approved.

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II. REPORTS

3. Chairperson's Report for the month of January 2015. (14-5755)

Prior to Chairperson Mark Burman's report, Commissioner Azita Fatheree cautioned Commissioners about the use of electronic texting or the use of devices during Commission meetings. Chairperson Burman noted he will be turning his phone off and asked Commission members to do the same. Commissioner Jesse Gabriel noted for the record, he would be using his IPAD to take meeting notes only.

Chairperson Burman reported the Waste Management Subcommittee had met off-site to discuss waste management facility developments. Although the lack of landfills and stringent State mandates have posed some difficulties, Commissioner Barry Waite stated, there are two locations that may work as energy efficient facilities. During discussion, Commissioner Jules Bagneris volunteered to join and assist the subcommittee.

Chairperson Burman concluded his report, noting he was still working to complete the Year-End Report and Sunset Review for submission.

4. Staff Report for the month of January 2015. (14-5756)

Emma De Jesus, Staff reported that the Commission's calendar for 2015 meeting was included in their packet.

III. PRESENTATIONS

5. Discussion on Forensic Research Center "Project" within Los Angeles County. (Continued from the meetings of 09/09/14, 10/07/14, and 11/4/14.) (14-3357)

This item was continued without discussion to the meeting of February 3, 2015.

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6. Update report on the United Way Home for Good Program by Zahirah Mann, Program Officer, United Way Greater Los Angeles Housing Stability, as requested by Chairperson Mark Burman from the meeting of December 2, 2014 (Continued from the meetings of 4/1/14 and 6/3/14). (14-1590)

Joanna Bomba, Program Associate, United Way Home For Good, provided a PowerPoint presentation of their action plan to end veteran homelessness by 2015, chronic homelessness by 2016, and ultimately, all homelessness. The Home For Good funders collaborative, created in 2011, is a public/private funding partnership designed to leverage and align resources for permanent supportive housing for the chronically homeless. In Los Angeles County every month, they house about 460 homeless veterans, and 151 chronically homeless (excluding veterans); and will need to house 519 homeless veterans and 474 chronically homeless (excluding veterans) per month in order to get to zero by 2015-2016.

Ms. Bomba also reported that United Way will conduct Homeless Count 2015 from January 27 to 29, 2015. She is seeking volunteers to assist with the count. Commissioner Jesse Gabriel participated in the last count and encouraged the Commissioners to volunteer.

Ms. Bomba responded to questions posed by the Commission.

Chairperson Mark Burman thanked Ms. Bomba for her informative presentation.

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7. Continued discussion on the Public Safety Realignment Act of 2011 (AB 109 & AB 117), and presentation by Mark Delgado, Executive Director of the Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee (CCJCC) (Continued from the meetings of 06/04/13, 09/09/14 and 11/4/14). (13-2532)

Mark Delgado provided a brief presentation on Public Safety Realignment Act of 2011 (AB 109 and AB 117). He noted the State was charged to reduce its overcrowded prisons as indicated in the Public Safety Realignment Act of 2011. In support of decreasing the overall inmate populations, Proposition 47 passed to reduce a non-violent, non-serious and non-sexual offender (N3) felony to a misdemeanor. Conversely, if a N3 inmate receives two or more super misdemeanor strikes the offender will be reclassified a felon.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Sheriff) will not retain inmates with misdemeanor charges although a few cities within the County may keep them. Under the realignment law, inmates must serve 100% of their time but the present overcrowding has allowed male inmates to serve 20% and women inmates serve 10% of their time. The Sheriff and the Board of Supervisors (BOS) has sought alternative methods for sentencing in order to keep the population low in jails. The State prison system also continues to investigate methods to reduce their population such as offering credits based on behavior as incentives to serve less time.

In response to Vice Chairperson Archuleta's questions, Mr. Delgado stated prior to AB 109 the inmate population was about 15,500. In May 2104, the jail population had peaked to approximately 19,600, an increase of over 4,000 inmates. Since then, the population has dropped to near pre-realignment numbers due to Proposition 47 and the policies implemented by the Sheriff, BOS, and others. Subsequently, he responded by stating that the following are the two most important recommendations CCJCC will present to the Board of Supervisors in 2015:

- 1. Hire an evaluator to measure the outcome of applied interventions (rehabilitations) and its impact on inmates. A scope of work is being developed as well as a list of vendors for recommendation. The intent is to determine the recidivism rate and what has functioned well and improvements are needed.**
- 2. Develop a procedure for the County to collect restitution from inmates that owe money to victims of crimes.**

During discussion, Commissioner Jules Bagneris informed Mr. Delgado of testimonies received from major participants Countywide and the impact the implementation of the Public Safety Realignment Act AB109 has had on the County. He also added, the Commission had received below average grades from previous presentations indicating realignment was not working. In response to Commissioner Bagneris' questions, Mr. Delgado stated for the State prison system, realignment is significantly working to depopulate the prison; however, locally the impact on crime and recidivism trends based on realignment are not clearly defined because the data collected for the past three years has yet to be analyzed. He continued by stating he could not provide a letter grade of the implementation as the County and the County continues to transition and comply with the law. Recently, the County has begun the process of analyzing the functionality. Due to the limited resources, the Public Defender's Office, District Attorney's Office, and the Courts have expressed more problems managing the workload.

Commissioners Larry Kaplan, Azita Fatheree and Jesse Gabriel also commented on this item.

Commissioner Barry Waite made a suggestion to continue the item at a future meeting to provide the Commissioners with an opportunity to further review the Public Safety Realignment Year-Two Report submitted by CCJCC.

After discussion, On motion of Commissioner Jules Bagneris and By Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was continued to a future meeting with a report back from CCJCC on the liability shift changes from the State to the County.

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IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

8. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (14-5757)

The following items were placed on the agenda for consideration at a future meeting.

- 8A. Recommendation as submitted by Commissioner Barry Waite: Update on the County Film Policy to incorporate the California Film Commission's Model Film Ordinance and Best Practices (Continued from the meeting of 5/7/13). (13-1519)

On motion of Commissioner Barry Waite, and by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was placed on a future agenda.

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- 8B. Recommendation as submitted by Commissioner Barry Waite: Update on AB 32 implementation and Climate Change (Continued from the meetings of 3/1/11, 5/3/11, and 9/13/11). (11-0544)

On motion of Commissioner Barry Waite, and by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was placed on a future agenda.

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Public Comment

9. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission of items or interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (14-5758)

No members of the public addressed the Commission.

Adjournment

10. Adjournment for the meeting of January 6, 2015. (14-5759)

On motion of 1st Vice Chairperson Bob Archuleta, seconded by Commissioner Jesse Gabriel, the meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.